

IN THE CLAIMS

The following is a complete listing of the claims in this application, reflects all changes currently being made to the claims, and replaces all earlier versions and all earlier listings of the claims:

Claims 1-46. (Canceled)

Claim 47. (Previously Presented): An E-mail printing apparatus comprising:
a reception unit, adapted to receive E-mail;
a setting unit, adapted to set a print limit;
a discrimination unit, adapted to discriminate upon printing the E-mail received by said reception unit, whether or not the E-mail exceeds the print limit set by said setting unit; and

a print unit, adapted to print the E-mail received by said reception unit if said discrimination unit discriminates that the E-mail does not exceed the print limit set by said setting unit, and not to print the E-mail if said discrimination unit discriminates that the E-mail exceeds the set print limit.

Claim 48. (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to Claim 47, wherein said setting unit sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 49 (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to Claim 47, wherein said setting unit sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 50. (Previously Presented): An apparatus according to Claim 47, wherein said reception unit receives the E-mail in accordance with a predetermined access interval.

Claims 51-56. (Canceled)

Claim 57. (Previously Presented): An E-mail printing method comprising the steps of:

receiving E-mail;
setting a print limit;
discriminating upon printing the E-mail received in said receiving step, whether or not the E-mail exceeds the print limit set by said setting step; and
printing the E-mail received in said receiving step if said discrimination step discriminates that the E-mail does not exceed the print limit set in said setting step, and not printing the E-mail if said discrimination step discriminates that the E-mail exceeds the set print limit.

Claim 58. (Previously Presented): A method according to Claim 57, wherein said setting step sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 59 (Previously Presented): A method according to Claim 57, wherein said setting step sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 60. (Previously Presented): A method according to Claim 57, wherein said receiving step receives the E-mail in accordance with a predetermined access interval.

Claim 61. (Canceled)

Claim 62. (Previously Presented): A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for executing an E-mail printing method, said computer program comprising:

code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;

code for a limiting step of limiting a printing of the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step;

code for a discriminating step of discriminating whether or not a limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed,

wherein if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing is to be performed and the E-mail exceeds a predetermined amount, said code for the limiting step does not print the E-mail,

wherein if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is to be performed and the E-mail does not exceed the predetermined amount, said code for the limiting step prints the E-mail, and

wherein if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the limited printing of the E-mail is not to be performed, said code for the limiting step prints the E-mail.

Claims 63-66. (Cancelled)

Claim 67. (Previously Presented): A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program for executing an E-mail printing method, said computer program comprising:

code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;

code for a setting step of setting a print limit;

code for a discriminating step of discriminating upon printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step, whether or not the E-mail exceeds the print limit set by said code for the setting step; and

code for a printing step of printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the E-mail does not exceed the print limit set by said code for the setting step, and for not printing the E-mail if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the E-mail exceeds the set print limit.

Claim 68. (Previously Presented): A storage medium according to Claim 67, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 69 (Previously Presented): A storage medium according to Claim 67, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 70. (Previously Presented): A storage medium according to Claim 67, wherein said code for the receiving step receives the E-mail in accordance with a predetermined access interval.

Claims 71-76. (Canceled)

Claim 77. (Previously Presented): A computer program embodied on a storage medium executing an E-mail printing method, said program comprising:

- code for a receiving step of receiving E-mail;
- code for a setting step of setting a print limit;
- code for a discriminating step of discriminating upon printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step, whether or not the E-mail exceeds the print limit set by said code for the setting step; and
- code for printing the E-mail received by said code for the receiving step if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the E-mail does not exceed the print limit set by said code for the setting step, and not printing the E-mail if said code for the discriminating step discriminates that the E-mail exceeds the set print limit.

Claim 78. (Previously Presented): A computer program according to Claim 77, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of print sheets.

Claim 79 (Previously Presented): A computer program according to Claim 77, wherein said code for the setting step sets the print limit for the number of lines.

Claim 80. (Previously Presented): A computer program according to Claim 77, wherein said code for the receiving step receives the E-mail in accordance with a predetermined access interval.